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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 15, 2002, in which claims 1, 4-18 and 21-25 were rejected, and in connection with the accompanying appeal brief, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.